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Centreville Man Pleads Guilty on Weapons Charges

(Alexandria, Virginia) – Brian Harold Kennedy, age 50, of Centreville, Virginia, pled guilty today to making a false statement to a licensed firearms dealer in connection with the purchase of an AK-47 assault rifle and to the unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition by a user of marijuana. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Edgar A. Domenech, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Washington Field Office, made the announcement after the plea was accepted by United States District Judge James C. Cacheris.

Kennedy was indicted in April 2007 by a federal grand jury on six counts of weapons charges and two counts of drug charges. Sentencing has been set for October 26, 2007. Kennedy faces a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment on each of the two charges.

In a statement of facts filed with his plea agreement, Kennedy admitted to having used marijuana for the past ten years and to having unlawfully possessed on May 8, 2006, twenty firearms and approximately 2500 rounds of ammunition at his Centreville, Virginia, home. Brian Kennedy acknowledged using and storing marijuana at his home as well as using marijuana at his home with his son, Michael Kennedy, and his son's friends.

On May 8, 2006, Michael Kennedy shot two Fairfax County Police Officers at the Sully District Station in Centreville. Detective Vicki Armel was killed at the station; Master Police Officer Michael Garbarino died nine days later at Fairfax County Hospital.

"This is a stark reminder of the tragic consequences of mixing guns and drugs. Our hearts go out to the Armel and Garbarino families, and to the Fairfax County Police Department, for the terrible losses they have suffered," said United States Attorney Rosenberg.

This case was investigated by the ATF and the Fairfax County Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Jim Trump and Special Assistant United States Attorney Dennis Fitzpatrick are prosecuting the case on behalf of the United States.

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